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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Costa Painting 69
Ref 9-19-16

Subject: Noncompliance Warning Letter

Dear Mr. Costa:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a complaint that stated that your company performed work at a townhouse apartment complex in Carmel, California that violated federal regulations for lead-based paint activities under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule, codified at 40 C.F.R. § 745, Subpart E.

The RRP Rule contains requirements for firms and individuals involved in repairs, renovation, or painting of pre-1978 housing or child-occupied facilities. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that failure to comply with the RRP Rule is prohibited under Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, and may subject you to civil penalties of up to \$37,500 per violation.

Based on our investigation, EPA is concerned that these violations may be occurring:


- Your company is not EPA firm certified. To obtain firm certification from EPA, go to <http://www2.epa.gov/lead/epa-lead-safe-certification-program> to apply.
- Your company is out of compliance with lead-safe work practices.

The following is a summary list of the RRP Rule requirements. Further details of the requirements can be found in the enclosed document titled, "Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right" and at www.epa.gov/lead:

- Your firm must be certified by the EPA.
- You must have individual certified renovator(s) to ensure compliance with the RRP Rule.
- You must use lead-safe work practices, for example:
 - post warning signs at the entrance to the work area;
 - use plastic containment barriers to prevent the spread of paint chips and dust;
 - handle waste in a lead-safe manner;
 - avoid prohibited practices such as open-flame burning, torching, or operating a heat gun at over 1100°F;

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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EPA certified

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